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1. ACCORDING TO UNVERIFIED PRESS AND OTHER REPORTS, SCIENTISTS ARE RECOMMENDING A REDUCTION OF THE TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH FOR THE HERRING STOCKS WEST OF SCOTLAND FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1976. THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDED 1975 TAC OF 205,000 METRIC TONS FOR THE STOCK WAS ACCEPTED BY MEMBER COUNTRIES.

2. ACCORDING TO THE APRIL 18 ISSUE OF "FISHING NEWS", A SPECIAL MEETING WAS HELD IN ABERDEEN ON APRIL 14 AT WHICH SCOTTISH FISHERMEN AS WELL AS DR. J.W. LYON DEAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE HERRING INDUSTRY BOARD, SCIENTISTS AND THE EXECUTIVE OF THE SCOTTISH HERRING PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION PARTICIPATED. THE MEETING FOLLOWED DISCLOSURE THAT SCIENTISTS ADVISING THE NEAFC COMMISSION WOULD MOST LIKELY RECOMMEND A SUBSTANTIAL CUT IN THE 1976 TAC FOR THE AREA. THE REPORT INDICATED THAT A 50 PERCENT CUT WAS A PROSPECT. REPORTS HEARD FROM OTHER SOURCES INDICATE A ONE-FOURTH TO ONE-THIRD REDUCTION IN THE TAC.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: THE ABOVE INFORMATION FOLLOWING THE SAD STATE OF THE NORTH SEA HERRING STOCK REPORTED IN REFTEL GIVES ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO OUR SUGGESTION THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT INSIST UPON STRONG MEASURES TO PROTECT THE HERRING RESOURCES OFF THE U.S. COAST AT THE FORTHCOMING ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES COMMISSION.
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